# Rocks community news notes

By CASSIE BALDWIN

Rocks July 16 - so thankful for the wonderful rain. There was a nice crowd out on Sunday at Rocks.

A graveside service was held at Centenary Church on Monday for Curtis Lee, who passed away on Saturday.

Sympathy is extended to his family and loved ones.

Get-well wishes go out to Mike Richardson, who entered Virginia Baptist on Tuesday afternoon, July 17 and had surgery on Wednesday morning. A quick recovery is wished him.

Aubrey Ranson passed away at the hospital on July 17 in Lynchburg. He was the husband of the late Clarkie Evans. Sympathy goes out to his loved ones.

Glenn Cole is now in University Hospital in Charlottesville. A quick recovery is wished him.

A large crowd attended the shower given Debbie Ferguson on Saturday night at Elon Church. She received many useful things.

Get -well wishes go out to Nellie Almond, who is suffering with her back. Sympathy goes out to her in the death of her daughter, Joette Davis of Forest Road Trailer Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Coleman of Madison Heights are all smiles - it's a girl, Ashley Dawn, 9 lbs. 8 oz., born at Virginia Baptist Hospital on July 7.

A sad gloom hit Appomattox County on Thursday night where news came that another beloved friend had passed away at Charlottesville hospital. This was our friend David Paulette of near Evergreen. He was loved by all who knew him.

Sympathy goes out to his family and loved ones.

A large crowd attended Aubrey Ranson's funeral at Robinson's Funeral Home on Wednesday afternoon. Many came from far and near. He will be greatly missed.

Glad to hear Glenn Cole had a successful operation on Thursday. Hope he will soon be back home.

A number of people met on Tuesday night to help Toby Inge celebrate his birthday and wished him many more.

The Elder reunion was held on July 15 at Pamplin Fire House, with a large turnout.

The Layne and Roach wedding was held July 14 in Appomattox. The best of everything is wished this fine couple, who will reside in Pamplin.

Many turned out at the Pamplin Cannery on Wednesday.

Best wishes for a quick recovery goes out to Mrs. Mary Dickerson (Wiley), who broke her arm a few days ago. She lives in Lynchburg.

Sympathy goes out to Nelson Jones of Newport News, who lost his wife June this week. He is a son of Mrs. Rachel Marsh Jones who once lived in Appomattox County.

Mrs. Raymond Hamlin, Sr. has returned from a visit in North Carolina with her aunt, who was not well.

Glad to hear some more got back safely and had nice vacations.


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# About making peace, and keeping peace

By WILLIAM L. TRIMYER

THE AGONY OF PEACEMAKING

Lesson for July 29, 1984

Bible Study Passages: II Kings 14:1-3, 8-14

INTRODUCTION

Jesus uttered a profound beatitude that challenges us to work for peace in our world. "Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God." (Matthew 5:9) Notice that Jesus used the term peacemaker and not peacekeeper. Anyone can keep peace but it requires great effort and sacrifice to make peace.

Our nation is in the midst of a campaign race for the presidency. One of the issues facing this campaign is defense and peace. The issue of peace is not simply an issue for Republicans or Democrats. The issue of peace concerns all Americans.

At times we may look at the complex issues surrounding nuclear buildup, international conflict, defense spending and politics and wonder "What can I possibly do?" We must remember, however, that many achievements have been made because of the initial energy of one person. As one hymn suggests, "It only takes a spark to get a fire going."

Our nation's history is blemished by its past wars and conflicts. Internationally and internally we have seen enough suffering and death to last forever.

QUALIFICATIONS OF A GOOD LEADER (II Kings 14:1-3)

Israel and Judah had numerous kings, some who lead by righteousness and some who lead with a sword. Josah is considered to have been a good leader for Judah because of his "Temple Reform." Josah did compromise his leadership by tolerating religious shrines which competed with the central place of worship in Judah.

What are the qualifications of a good leader? What do we look for in a president, a pastor, a teacher, or a coach. Basically we tend to want someone who has the interest of the people at heart rather than their own. Those who seek after power, wealth and self-glorification tend to make poor leaders.

We also look to a leader who acknowledges the leadership of God in their life. Our country was founded upon the principle of "In God We trust." The leader who forgets he or she leads under a higher authority will likely fail to do right by the people they serve.

HEADED FOR TROUBLE (II Kings 14:8-14)

Amaziah, King of Judah, waged a successful battle against the Edomites. Amaziah then sought to renew old hostilities with Israel, the Northern Kingdom. He issued a challenge to Jehoash, King of Israel, to "look one another in the face." This was not a gesture of friendship but one of war. The history of Judah and Israel reveals that war was much more prevalent than peace.

Amaziah experienced the agony of defeat rather than the thrill of victory! The result of Amaziah's thirst for victory was the destruction of the Temple and palace, as well as some of the city's wall. Jerusalem became a city of waste.

The cost of war is infinitely great. You cannot measure its cost only in dollars and cents. The tragic waste of human life cannot be measured in dollars. To this day we see the lingering evidence of the tragedies of World Wars I and II.

Christians have a high calling to work for peace in our world. It requires an act of our wills to agonize for peace through personal involvement in peacemaking efforts. Ponder the following questions.

1. What do you believe to be the qualities of a good leader?
2. What ways can you and your church become involved in peacemaking?
3. What does Christ say to us concerning our relationship to enemies?
4. Pray you will work for peace by living peaceably with those in your family and community.

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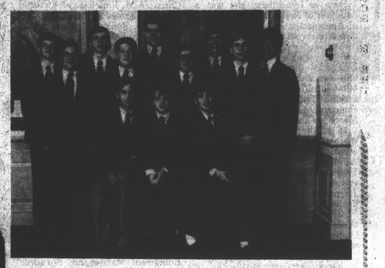

PATRICK HENRY BOYS PLANTATION CHOIR will present a program "He Took My Place" at the Red Oak Baptist Church on Sunday evening, July 29 at 7 p.m. The public is invited.

## Choir presents program

The Patrick Henry Boys Plantation Choir will present a 35-minute program of Christian music at the Red Oak Baptist Church, July 29, 1984 at 7 p.m. The title of the program will be "He Took My Place".

The Patrick Henry Boys Plantation boys choir is made up of 12 boys who are residents of the Home and is a unique opportunity for them to develop a special talent, proudly represent their Christian home and be a witness for our Lord. For some engagments, the boys are joined by the girls from the Patrick Henry Girls Home at Rustburg.

The Boys Plantation is a non-profit charitable program to provide a substitute Christian home for children who need help that their natural home cannot provide. The Boys Home is located on 1,000 acres of "Red Hill", Patrick Henry's last home place near Brookneal; the Girls Home is at Rustburg, and the new Patrick Henry Boys of Halifax County is at Cluster Springs, Virginia. A new program will begin this fall to provide family counseling to the broken homes from which the children come. The Family Counseling Center is under construction and is scheduled for completion in September.

The public is invited to hear this performance of the Patrick Henry Boys Plantation Choir and fellowship afterward with homemade ice cream.

## Mt. Shiloh church news

Morning Worship services at Mt. Shiloh Baptist Church were enjoyed by all attending Sunday. The Rev. Moore delivered an inspiring sermon and the choir rendered beautiful music.

Deacon and Mrs. George Harvey send thanks to all who attended and participated in their 50th wedding anniversary, which was held Saturday, July 21, at the Southside Country Club. The evening was enjoyed by all.

Mr. McKinley, and Mr. Lawrence Tanner and wife are spending some time at their homes in Spout Spring. The community welcomes them.

The Fleshman family reunion will be held July 28, and 29, 1984. There will be a variety show held at the Elementary School Saturday, July 28, 1984 at 7:30 p.m. Also, there will be an all-day service held at the church on Sunday. The family and friends are asked to bring some covered dishes.

Family and friends are invited to attend. There will not be any formal invitations sent.

Our prayers go out to the sick of the Community. Mrs. Annie Harvey is recuperating in Lynchburg General Hospital. Her daughters, Mrs. Emma Lyons of Washington, D.C. and Mrs. Annie Ruth Tanner of Baltimore, Md., are spending some time with her.

## Zion Baptist news notes

By SUSIE HUNTER

You are cordially invited to attend the 67th anniversary celebration of the Zion Baptist Church Ladies Aid Club, to be held at the church this Sunday at 11 a.m.

The Rev. L.E. Hankins and his choir will be our guests.

The Senior Usher Board met last Sunday at 11 a.m. Members of the church Sunday school classes went to Lakeside Amusement Park last Saturday. Despite the rain, they had a nice trip. A total of 52 attended.

The revival at Zion Baptist will begin Sunday, Aug. 5 Pastor Lewis will be guest speaker for the morning service, slated to start at 11 a.m. The Rev. L.L. Logan and his choir from Hurt will be guests for the evening service, and pastor Logan will be guest speaker for the week's services.

Our sympathy goes out to the Ferguson family in the loss of their loved one, Mr. Branch Ferguson, of West Virginia, formerly of Pamplin.

The sick in the community are improving slowly. Mrs. Salas Holman entered the hospital last week and was scheduled to have surgery Monday. We wish him a speedy recovery.

## Promise Land news notes

Bible Study contains the elements for spiritual growth.

Special thanks go out to all persons who helped make the Annual Usher Board Anniversary a success.

On Sunday, July 29, at Promise Land Baptist Church an all-day service will be held to celebrate the Fleshman family reunion. We extend an invitation to join us and them.

The Fifth Sunday Union will be held at Mt. Zion in Red House this Sunday.

Congratulations go out to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Thornton on the birth of their daughter, Canuce Thornton, who was born on July 17, 1984.

Let us remember the sick and shut-in in our deeds and thought. Among our sick are Mrs. Barbara Thornton, Mr. John LeGrand, Mrs. Annie Harvey and Ms. Drucella Jenkins.

Let us support our local Church Revivals and Homecoming.

## Concert set

The Gospel Sensations of Rustburg will be in concert at Mt. Airy Baptist Church this Sunday (July 29) at 6 p.m.

The concert is sponsored by the Junior Choir of the church. The public is invited to attend.

## Mt. Zion Church news notes

The Mt. Zion Baptist Church Gospel Chorus will be in concert Sunday, July 29, at 6 p.m. at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

This program is being sponsored by the Ladies' Club.

## Mt. Airy plans homecoming

Homecoming Day festivities will be celebrated at Mt. Airy Baptist Church Sunday, Aug. 5.

The morning service will be conducted by the Rev. H.W. Pryor. Lunch will be served after the morning service.

The Ladies' Club will celebrate their anniversary at 2 p.m. Guests for the service will be the Rev. Warren Napier, the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church Choir, and members of the Mt. Pleasant congregation.

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